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THE Court of *Spain* is at preſent at the Palace called the *Buen Retiro*, where it has continued ever ſince the 22d paſt. The Adminiſtration of Affairs is ſtill in the hands of the *French*, and the Cardinal *d'Eſtrees* directs all their Councils, to the great Mortification of the *Spaniſh* Grandees, who daily meet with freſh Cauſes of Diſcontent. The Duke of *Medina Celi*, after having been ſome time in Diſgrace, was thought to be in favour again with the Court; but the contrary appears, by their diſpoſing of the Place of Preſident of the Council of the *Indies*, which was ſaid to be deſign'd for him, to the Duke *d'Uceda*, in whoſe room the Conde *de Montellano*, who formerly enjoyed it, is to act till his return from his Embaſſy at the Court of *Rome*. The Duke of *Veraguas*, who was formerly Viceroy of *Sicily*, is appointed to be Colonel of the Queen's Regiment of Guards; but he has been greatly ſurpriſed to find that they have reſolved to divide the Place, and that part of that Corps is to be given to Don *Franciſco Ronquillo*, Corregidor of this Town, and to be called the Regiment of *Aſturia*. Don *Pedro Villaria*, Governor of *Vigo*, an old Officer, is appointed Governor of the *Havana*, Six Perſons who had been propoſed by the Council of the *Indies* being excluded; for which this Reaſon is given, That the King has reſolved that the Governments of his Seaport Towns in the *Indies* ſhall for the future be beſtowed on none but ſuch as have deſerved them by their Services in the Army; yet that Rule is not obſerved in the Diſtribution of other Military Employments. A Junto is appointed to Examine, or rather to give their Aſſent to, the Propoſals made by Monſieur *a'Orri*, the *French* Intendant, for regulating the Finances of this Kingdom, after the Model of thoſe of *France*; which Junto is to conſiſt of the Preſident of *Caſtile*, the Marquis *del Freſno*, the Commiſſary General of the *Cruſado*, the Preſident of the Council of the Finances, Don *Martin de Solis*, Don *Joſeph d'Equiſabolo*, and Monſieur *a'Orri*.

Dantzick, May 19. The King of *Poland* is come from *Thoorn* to *Elbing*, where he has given Audience to the Deputies of this City. He has appointed a General Diet to meet at *Lublin* on the 15th of the next Month, and has ſummoned the Nobility to mount on Horſeback about the ſame time, who are to be poſted near that Place, for the Security of the Aſſembly. We hear there has lately happened an Engagement between a Body of the *Swediſh* Forces, with whom it is ſaid the King of *Sweden* was in Perſon, and another of the *Saxon* and *Lithuanian* Troops, near *Oſtrolenka*, wherein the former were forced to retreat, and being purſued to *Chrizinka*, they fought a ſecond time with the ſame ill Succeſs, and that in theſe two Actions above 1000 of the *Swedes* were killed, and 200 taken Priſoners; whereof we may expect the Confirmation. The *Swediſh* Army is advancing towards *Thoorn*, in order, as is ſuppoſed, to beſiege that Town.

Strasbourg, May 15. The Marſhal *de Tallard* continues encamped on the other ſide of the *Rhine*, along the River *Kintzig*. A Detachment of 300 Imperial Horſe came yeſterday to a certain Place in the Neighbourhood of *Wilſtet*, where 100 *French* Dragoons and 50 Granadiers were poſted, who, after ſome Reſiſtance, were obliged to retire with Loſs. Our laſt Advices from the Marſhal *de Villars*'s Army ſay, That he was ſhortly to have an Interview with the Elector of *Bavaria*. The Marſhal has ſent home by the way of *Switzerland* divers Horſes belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province, which he had taken with him, and has demanded 1800 Horſes of the Country where he his at preſent encamped, for the uſe of his Army. He has appointed 4 Brigadiers General, in purſuance of the Power he had lately received from Court: The Perſons he has made choice of are, the Sieurs *de Montgaillard*, *Maillay la Houſſaye*, *Fouronica*, and the Earl of *Clare* in *Ireland*.

Ratisbonne, May 21. On the 14th Inſtant Monſieur *Zundt*, the Elector of *Bavaria*'s Miniſter, preſented two Memorials to the Diet, ſetting forth, That his Maſter did not queſtion but they had already underſtood that the Marſhal *de Villars* had forced the Paſſes in the Valley of *Kintzig*, and that the Elector finding himſelf attacked in ſuch a manner, that part of his Country was already ruined, he was reſolved to make uſe of theſe Succours, for the repelling of any Violence that ſhould be offered him for the future; That however this Reſolution ſhould make no Alteration in the Promiſes he had made in relation to the Security of the Diet, and that he would withdraw his Troops as ſoon as the Emperor ſhould have ratified the Concluſions for the Neutrality of this Place; That he hoped, from theſe and his former Aſſurances, the Diet would have no Reaſon to remove; yet if Self-Intereſt ſhould ſtill ſo prevail among them, as that they would change their Reſidence, the Elector would give them a general Paſs, ſince they had already agreed to give his Miniſter an Aſſurance, That he might alſo go with them; and that he expected that in the Inſtrument for that purpoſe it ſhould be particularly expreſſed, That his Miniſter ſhould upon no Pretence whatſoever be excluded from the Meetings and Debates of the Diet; And that nothing ſhould be reſolved in the Affair of the 9th Electorate without his Knowledge and Conſent. Monſieur *Zundt* preſſes to have an Anſwer in Writing to theſe Memorials; but the Diet reſolved yeſterday, That theſe Points being of great Conſequence, they ought not to come to any Concluſion therein without particular Inſtructions from their Maſters, which is looked upon as a kind of a civil Refuſal. The Elector writ to the States of his Country from *Riedlingen* the 8th Inſtant, That the Marſhal *de Villars* was arrived at *Deneſhingen* with his whole Army, conſiſting of 50 Battalions and 61 Squadrons, and he hoped they would ſhare with him in his Succeſs and Satisfaction: Yet we are aſſured by Letters from the Imperial Army of the 12th, That the *French* and the *Bavarian* Forces together are not above 30000 ſtrong, and that the Count *de Stirum* is in a Condition to break all their Meaſures. We have had Reports that the Elector would fall down the *Danube* with 15000 Men, with Intention to attack *Paſſau*; But what appears more certain is, that part of his Troops are deſigned to relieve the Caſtle of *Rothemberg*, which is ſtill blocked up by the Forces of *Franconia*; for General *Maſſey* paſſed by here the 16th Inſtant, in his way from the *Bavarian* Army to the *Upper Palatinate*, and was followed the next day by a Regiment of Dragoons, and by moſt of the Forces which were poſted here, as alſo by about 4 or 5000 *Bavarians* more, who were lately landed at *Kelhaim*, about 3 Leagues from hence.

Francfort, May 23. The *French* and the *Bavarian* Armies, according to our freſheſt Advices, were marched from *Duttlingen* to *Meskirchen*, where they lay encamped; but are hindered from entring upon Action, as well by the ill Condition of their Forces, which have been very much haraſſed with their long and difficult Marches, as by ſome Miſunderſtandings between the Elector of *Bavaria* and the Marſhal *de Villars*, the latter making ſeveral Demands in relation to Cautionery Towns, to the Precedency between the General Officers of both Nations, and ſeveral other Matters, which the Elector has hitherto refuſed to comply with. The Count *de Stirum* lay with the Troops under his Command near *Nurtingen*, on the *Neckar*, where he has received ſeveral Reinforcements from the Army at *Stolhoffen*, from whence Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* himſelf intends ſhortly to march with another Detachment in order to join him. The Marſhal *de Tallard* is ſtill encamped near *Kehl* with about 12000 Men, but expects in few days as many Reinforcements as will make up his Army 25000 ſtrong. It is ſaid the Allies will ſhortly attack *Traerbach* a ſecond time.

Paris, May 25. The Duke of *Burgundy*'s departure for *Germany*, in order to command the *French* Army on the *Upper Rhine*, is fixed for the 28th Inſtant. A Cou-

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